

brick laying workers in the U.S., and according to a recent study, approximately 17,400 masonry and plastering workers are exposed to at least five times the NIOSH recommended exposure limit (REL for crystalline silica), and of these workers, an estimated 80 percent of them are exposed to at least 10 times the NIOSH REL.

To effectively prevent silicosis, not only must control measures be improved, but workers must be persuaded to protect themselves and employers must be motivated to provide workers with proper engineering controls and training. Previous research has too often focused on the behaviors and attitudes of workers and not on employers. Since employers have a tremendous influence on the health of workers and since their motivations may differ from workers', it is

important to focus on them as well. Well-designed and theory-driven communication interventions have the capacity to promote protective health behaviors. To develop messages that will have the greatest success at motivating workers to protect themselves and employers to protect their workers from silicosis, information on workers' and employers' beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors regarding silicosis must be determined. A recently completed pilot-study indicated a need to motivate employers to provide appropriate engineering controls and respiratory protection and a need to persuade workers to protect themselves.

The goal of this project is to develop a health communication intervention program targeting both masonry contractors and workers that will increase the use of engineering controls (specifically, wet-sawing) and

respiratory protection. The aforementioned pilot study will serve as a foundation upon which the intervention will be developed. The effectiveness of the intervention will be evaluated using a pre-post test questionnaire.

The study results will provide a basis for intervention programs that masonry contractors can use to educate their workers regarding risk of exposure to silica dust on masonry work sites. The methodology could be applied to other construction procedures such as jack hammering, sand blasting, and similar dust producing procedures to produce similar intervention programs. Eventually we would hope, silica exposures among construction workers would decrease significantly. The total annual burden hours are 146.

Respondents	No. of respondents	No. of responses/ respondent	Average burden/ response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
Workers .....	200	2	0.33	132
Contractors .....	20	2	0.33	13.2
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	145.2

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Ethics Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee to the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Meeting: Change of Time

**Federal Register Citation of Previous Announcement:** August 20, 1999, Volume 64, Number 161, Page 45552.

**Summary:** Notice is given that the meeting time of the Ethics Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee to the Director, CDC has changed. The meeting date, status, purpose, and matters to be discussed announced in the original notice remain unchanged.

There will be no change in the meeting location of the Advisory Committee to the Director, CDC, which will be meeting at Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Building 16, Room 5126, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

**Original Time and Date:** 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., September 23, 1999.

**New Time and Date:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., September 23, 1999.

**Contact Person for More Information:**

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The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

#### Call for Public Comment: Changing the Conversation—A National Plan To Improve Substance Abuse Treatment

**AGENCY:** Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, DHHS.

**ACTION:** Request for public comment on five issues (domains) of concern to the substance abuse treatment field when assessing substance abuse treatment.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is formally inviting public comment on five issues (domains) that are of concern to the substance abuse treatment field and require development and exploration. Via several mechanisms, including public hearings, CSAT intends that findings from the exploration of individual domains will ultimately be synthesized into a coherent national strategy to guide substance abuse treatment program and policy development for the future. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to comment in one of several ways: (1) In writing, by submission through the U.S. Mail or courier service; (2) via the National Treatment Plan web site (<http://www.NaTxPlan.org>); or (3) in person at one of the remaining three public hearings scheduled at locations across the country. The final cutoff date for comments is December 1, 1999. This notice discusses the public hearings at which interested individuals/ organizations may testify regarding the